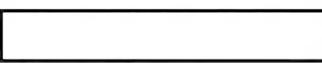


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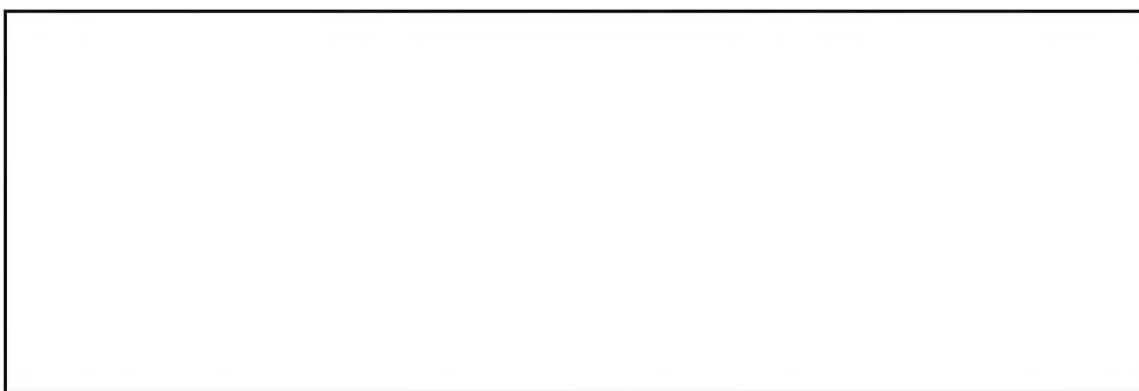
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The Egyptian ambassador to Paris upon his return from Cairo told French under secretary for foreign affairs René Massigli that Egypt

would adopt an "understanding policy" toward France in North Africa provided Paris recommenced the suspended arms deliveries. The ambassador added that Cairo is now prepared to eliminate the anti-French line in Radio Cairo broadcasts to North Africa.

Massigli told Ambassador Dillon that Paris has decided to accept this offer provided Cairo makes a public move which would justify resumption of arms deliveries.

Comment

Egypt has said that the Soviet bloc arms deal is a one-time commercial agreement and may hope to forestall a complete estrangement with the West through this approach to France. Egypt is unlikely to make a fundamental change in its North African policy.

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5. INDONESIAN CABINET SELECTS NEW ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

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The Indonesian cabinet decision on 28 October to appoint Colonel Abdul Haris Nasution as army chief of staff is a victory for the army and for anti-Communist political elements. Nasution is a capable military leader who has demonstrated his anti-Communist sentiments. He was chief of staff

from 1949 to 17 October 1952, when he was forced to resign over conflicting views on the army's future.

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The position of chief of staff has been vacant since last May. The army's refusal to accept an appointment by the pro-Communist defense minister resulted in the fall of the Ali government in July.

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